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PATENT

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Applicant:	CARON et al.	Examiner:	Phan T. H. Palmer
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Title:	MICROPOROUS GLASS WAVEGUIDES DOPED WITH SELECTED MATERIALS		

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated June 19, 2003. In the Action, claims 1-24 were subject to restriction and/or an election requirement.

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required in the Office Action:

Invention I, claims 1-5 and 10-17, drawn to an optical wave guide;

Invention II, claims 6-9, drawn to an optical wave guide apparatus; and

Invention III, claims 18-24, drawn to a method for making an optical wave guide.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-5 and 10-17 with traverse. Applicants assert that restriction is not proper in the present application. Applicants assert that the claims are all related to one invention and can be searched and examined together. All are drawn to optical wave guides. Applicants assert that restriction is therefore improper.

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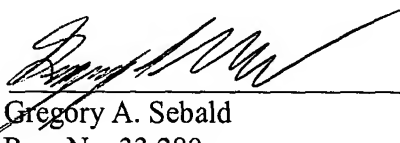
Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications should the restriction requirement be upheld.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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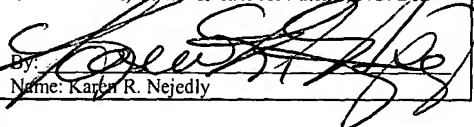


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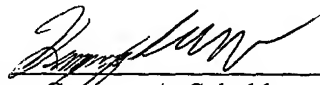
Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Small entity status has been previously established
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- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$55.00 for one month extension for small entity
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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